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Decline in Total Planted Acreage

According to the Crop Reporting Board, the 1962 season shows another decline in total planted and harvested crop acreages. Total planted acres of 300 million and acreage for harvest of 288 million acres are each the lowest of record, and 3 percent below last year. Reductions of acreage under the 1962 Wheat and Feed Grain Programs are responsible for most of the decline from last year. Crop development is generally ahead of the usual pattern as spring weather has favored field work. Early season prospects point to yields somewhat below last year's high levels, but generally above average.

Crop Prospects Generally Favorable

As of July 1 appraisal of "all crops" prospects made by reporters for their localities point to a good to excellent outlook across most of the northern half of the country. The Red River Valley area in western Minnesota and eastern North Dakota has poor prospects because excessive rainfall has kept fields too wet to work. Crop prospects are also lowered in northern Appalachian areas as below normal May and June rainfall have had a telling effect. Cool spring temperatures slowed crop development in the far Southwest, but a good recovery has put crop prospects mostly in the good to excellent category except for scattered areas. Across the southern half of the Nation, hot and dry May weather lowered winter grain prospects and reduced stands of row crops. June showers replenished moisture in most areas, but brought scattered flooding and hail damage. Crops improved during June, but poor stands, weedy fields, and delayed seeding have lowered the potential output in many areas of the South.

Crop Prospects As of July 1

Corn for grain production is forecast at 3.5 billion bushels--3 percent less than in 1961 primarily because of a 2 percent acreage reduction. Prospective yield, at 61.2 bushels per acre, is second only to last year's record of 61.8 bushels per acre and is 15.5 bushels above the 1951-60 average.

Winter Wheat production is estimated at 836 million bushels, 1 percent below last month, 22 percent below last year and 5 percent under average.

Other Spring Wheat production is placed at 167 million bushels, up one-fifth from the 1961 drought damaged crop, but still over one-fourth below average.

Durum Wheat prospects at 47.3 million bushels are the largest since 1930 and two and one-half times as large as the small 1961 crop when hot dry weather caused severe damage.

Oat production is forecast at 997 million bushels, nearly as large as the 1961 harvest but one-fifth below average--the smallest crop since 1939.

Sorghum acreage for harvest as grain is estimated at 14.2 million acres--up 1 percent from 1961.

Sugar beet production prospects are up 5 percent from the 1961 crop. The increase is due entirely to larger acreage as the indicated yield of 16.4 tons equals last year's.

Late Summer Potato crop is estimated at 33.9 million hundredweight, 6 percent less than the 1961 crop, but 1 percent above average.

Rice May Be Second Largest Crop

A rice crop of 61 million bags (100-pounds) is forecast for 1962. If finally realized, the crop would be 13 percent above last year, 18 percent above average, and the second largest crop of record.

Sugarcane Production Up

A near-record yield on the largest acreage ever in the mainland cane area portends a record crop of 11.2 million tons of cane for sugar and seed for the area this year, 14 percent larger than previous record set last year and 59 percent above average. An additional 9.7 million tons estimated for Hawaii brings the United States total to nearly 21 million tons, 7 percent more than in 1961.

Prices of Farm Products

Commodity	Average prices received by farmers		Effective parity prices
	May 1962	June 1962	Based on data for
			June 1962
Basic commodities:			
Cotton, Amer. upland (lb.)...ct.	32.67	32.63	39.25
Wheat (bu.)dol.	1.99	1.99	2.42
Rice (100 lb.)dol.	5.48	5.26	6.22
Corn (bu.)dol.	1.03	1.03	1.60
Peanuts (lb.)ct.	12.1	--	13.5
Designated nonbasic commodities:			
Milkfat in cream (lb.)ct.	57.8	57.5	76.6
Milk, wholesale (100 lb.) ...dol.	3.76	¹ 3.70	5.25
Wool (lb.)ct.	² 46.3	² 46.4	73.5
Other nonbasic commodities:			
Barley (bu.)dol.	1.02	.980	1.26
Cottonseed (ton).....dol.	--	--	62.80
Flaxseed (bu.).....dol.	3.20	3.02	3.84
Hay, baled (ton)dol.	21.40	19.70	25.90
Oats (bu.).....dol.	.667	.684	.842
Potatoes (cwt.).....dol.	2.04	2.49	2.38
Rye (bu.)dol.	.966	1.14	1.45
Sorghum, grain (100 lb.)...dol.	1.71	1.71	2.51
Soybeans (bu.).....dol.	2.36	2.34	2.95
Sweetpotatoes (cwt.)dol.	6.46	7.32	5.98
Oranges, on tree (box).....dol.	1.62	1.37	2.67
Apples, for fresh use (bu.)...dol.	3.07	3.01	2.94
Beef cattle (100 lb.).....dol.	21.10	20.80	23.60
Calves (100 lb.).....dol.	25.20	24.80	26.20
Hogs (100 lb.)dol.	15.30	16.10	21.60
Lambs (100 lb.).....dol.	17.30	19.50	24.30
Chickens, all (lb.).....ct.	13.9	13.9	24.3
Eggs (dozen).....ct.	28.9	28.2	47.3

¹ Preliminary

² Does not include incentive payment

Cotton Acreage Planted

Cotton planted in 1962 is estimated at 16,427,000 acres. This is 1 percent less than the 16,588,000 acres planted in 1961, compared to the 1951-60 average of 19,801,000 acres.

Large Tobacco Crop Expected

In the initial forecast of the season, production of all tobacco is placed at 2,141 million pounds--4 percent above the estimated 2,058 million pounds produced last year and 5 percent above average. The current estimate indicates the largest crop since 1956.

Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

Item	1961		1962		
	June	Year	Apr.	May	June
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
Nonfarm employment (civilian) ¹	62.0	61.3	61.9	62.8	63.2
Farm employment.....	8.3	7.0	6.8	7.5	8.0
Family.....	5.6	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.4
Hired.....	2.7	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.6
Index numbers (1957-59 = 100)					
Industrial production ²	110	109	117	118	118
Total personal income payments ³	114	114	120	121	121
Weekly factory earnings ⁴	106	105	113	113	115
Average earnings of factory workers, per worker ⁴	110	110	115	115	115
Wholesale prices, all commodities ⁴	100	100	100	100	100
Farm commodities.....	93	96	97	96	95
Food, processed.....	99	101	100	100	100
Consumer price index ⁴	104	104	105	105	---
Food.....	103	103	103	103	---
Index numbers (1910-14 = 100)					
Prices received by farmers.....	234	240	242	242	239
Crops.....	231	226	236	243	236
Food grains.....	200	209	224	230	230
Feed grains and hay.....	152	151	155	159	157
Cotton.....	261	262	268	276	275
Tobacco.....	517	526	543	543	543
Oil bearing crops.....	262	257	255	255	253
Fruit.....	264	246	220	210	203
Commercial vegetables.....	252	218	312	325	258
Livestock and products.....	236	251	246	242	242
Meat animals.....	287	299	303	303	305
Dairy products.....	239	259	240	232	230
Poultry and eggs.....	132	146	139	130	128
Prices paid by farmers.....					
All commodities.....	275	276	280	280	279
Used in living.....	290	291	294	296	294
Used in production.....	265	266	270	269	268
Commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....	300	301	306	306	305
Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted.....	647	641	666	666	666
Parity ratio (prices received to parity index).....	78	80	79	79	78

Larger Acreage Devoted To Oilseeds

Acreage planted to cotton in 1962 is 1 percent less than a year earlier and 17 percent below the 1951-60 average.

Soybean acreage continued to move upward with the 1962 acreage planted for all purposes nearly 2.5 percent above last year and 42 percent above average. Expansion of acreage was evident in all producing areas, but the bulk of the increase came in the North and South Central States.

Flaxseed acreage is 12 percent larger than the drought shortened 1961 crop, but the 1962 acreage is 34 percent below average. A higher yield than last year is expected as moisture supplies are favorable.

The acreage planted to peanuts is 1 percent less than last year.

The All Wheat Forecast

Production of all wheat is forecast at 1,050 million bushels, 15 percent below last year and 7 percent below average. The indicated yield at 23.8 bushels per harvested acre is nearly the same as the 23.9 bushels for the 1961 crop.

Hay Production Forecast

Production of all kinds of hay during 1962 is forecast at 116 million tons, down slightly from last year, but 4 percent above average.

Livestock and Livestock Products

Item	Unit	Jan.-May 1961	Jan.-May 1962
Dairy Production			
Milk.....	Bil. lb.	¹ 65.8	¹ 66.8
Evaporated whole milk.....	Mil. lb.	927.0	787.0
Dry nonfat milk solids (for human food).....	Mil. lb.	902.6	1,025.9
Butter, creamery.....	Mil. lb.	662.4	746.3
Cheese, American.....	Mil. lb.	488.8	469.0
Ice cream.....	Mil. gal.	266.2	272.6
Poultry Production			
Eggs.....	Billions	¹ 32.0	¹ 32.5
Federally inspected slaughter: ²			
Chickens.....	Mil. lb.	1,791.5	1,844.9
Turkeys.....	Mil. lb.	142.6	112.0
Poultry canned and used in other processed foods.....	Mil. lb.	184.3	189.5
Liquid egg.....	Mil. lb.	319.9	307.2
Dried egg (egg solids).....	Mil. lb.	25.9	23.1
Frozen egg.....	Mil. lb.	194.2	195.2
Meat Production (dressed weight) ³			
Beef.....	Mil. lb.	6,021	6,121
Veal.....	Mil. lb.	387	375
Pork.....	Mil. lb.	4,496	4,788
Lamb and mutton.....	Mil. lb.	357	342
Total red meat.....	Mil. lb.	11,261	11,626

¹Bureau of the Census. ²Federal Reserve Board. ³Department of Commerce. ⁴Bureau of Labor Statistics--any figures not available at press time omitted.

¹ January-June.

² Ready-to-cook.

³ Commercial; excludes farm slaughter.

Lower Feed Grain Output Expected

Total expected tonnage of feed grains for 1962 (as of July 1) is below a year earlier. Corn acreage to be harvested for grain is 2 percent below last year. The expected yield is 61.2 bushels per acre compared to the record 1961 yield of 61.8 bushels.

Food Grain Production Declines

Production of food grains continued to decline as a sharp reduction in wheat output more than offset larger rice and rye crops. Winter wheat, the most important food grain, is expected to total 22 percent fewer bushels than last year due to both lower acreage and yield.

Fruit Prospects

APPLES: The 1962 apple crop is forecast at 124.2 million bushels, 2 percent below last year, but 13 percent above average.

PEACHES: The 1962 peach crop is forecast at 77.7 million bushels, up slightly from last month, but still slightly below last year's large crop.

PEARS: The July 1 estimate for pears is placed at 28,367,000 bushels, up slightly from last month's estimate of 28,091,000 bushels.

GRAPES: The 1962 grape crop is forecast at 3,164,450 tons, 2 percent more than the 1961 crop and 7 percent above average.

CITRUS: Production of the 1961-62 orange crop is estimated at nearly 138 million boxes, the largest on record--18 percent above last year, and 11 percent above average.

The 1961-62 grapefruit crop is estimated at 42.7 million boxes, 1 percent less than last year and the average.

Production of lemons is forecast at 16.5 million boxes, 15 percent larger than last year and 10 percent above average.

PLUMS AND PRUNES: Plum production in California and Michigan is forecast at 83,500 tons, 12 percent less than in 1961 and 4 percent below average.

SWEET CHERRIES: The July 1 sweet cherry estimate is placed at 105,230 tons, up slightly from last month, 4 percent above the 1961 crop, and 20 percent above average.

SOUR CHERRIES: Production of sour cherries for 1962 is forecast at 185,390 tons, up sharply from mid-June. This is 12 percent above the 1961 crop and 47 percent above the average.

APRICOTS: The apricot crop in Utah, Washington, and California is estimated at 162,800 tons, 15 percent below 1961 and 19 percent below the 1951-60 average.

Vegetable and Melon Estimates

Total Summer Vegetables: Production is expected to total 40.6 million cwt., 2 percent less than last year but 8 percent above average.

Total Summer Melons: Production of cantaloup, honey dew melons and watermelons at 30.9 million cwt., is 6 percent above last year and 4 percent above average.

Farm-Retail Price Spreads

Farm-Retail Spread and Farmer's Share of the Consumer's Dollar for Market Basket of Farm-Food Products

Year and month	Retail Cost ¹	Farm value ²	Farm-retail spread	Farmer's share
1961 average	\$1,060	\$404	\$656	38%
1961 May	1,060	397	663	37%
1962 April	1,066	409	657	38%
1962 May	1,063	401	662	38%

¹ Retail cost of average quantities of farm foods purchased per family in 1952 by urban wage-earner and clerical-worker families calculated from retail prices collected by Bureau of Labor Statistics.

² Payment to farmers for equivalent quantities of farm produce minus imputed value of byproducts obtained in processing.

Potatoes . . .

The acreage of fall potatoes for harvest is estimated at 986,300 acres, 5 percent below the revised estimate of 1,043,600 acres for 1961.

Production of sweetpotatoes is expected to total 16,680,000 hundredweight this year. This would be 11 percent larger than the 15,083,000 hundredweight harvested in 1961 and 8 percent above the 1960 output.

Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings, by States, May 1962¹

State	Livestock and Products	Crops	Total
	1,000 dol.	1,000 dol.	1,000 dol.
Maine	10,023	8,108	18,131
New Hampshire	3,503	854	4,357
Vermont	9,348	1,528	10,876
Massachusetts	7,654	4,175	11,829
Rhode Island	1,241	467	1,708
Connecticut	7,243	4,385	11,628
New York	50,902	11,820	62,722
New Jersey	12,199	11,636	23,835
Pennsylvania	48,883	13,292	62,175
Ohio	55,550	12,683	68,233
Indiana	57,192	16,753	73,945
Illinois	115,026	46,541	161,567
Michigan	34,624	11,666	46,290
Wisconsin	89,046	5,642	94,688
Minnesota	91,059	21,284	112,343
Iowa	170,188	25,677	195,865
Missouri	57,003	6,432	63,435
North Dakota	11,908	15,768	27,676
South Dakota	35,867	6,841	42,708
Nebraska	65,209	19,302	84,511
Kansas	65,823	4,920	70,743
Delaware	5,751	1,874	7,625
Maryland	15,507	14,073	29,580
Virginia	20,888	5,875	26,763
West Virginia	5,439	671	6,110
North Carolina	29,257	7,983	37,240
South Carolina	9,229	4,448	13,677
Georgia	38,256	7,073	45,329
Florida	18,853	106,666	125,519
Kentucky	25,024	2,335	27,359
Tennessee	23,063	4,206	27,269
Alabama	28,780	5,945	34,725
Mississippi	24,373	11,380	35,753
Arkansas	23,369	7,926	31,295
Louisiana	14,409	6,673	21,082
Oklahoma	29,462	5,156	34,618
Texas	108,577	39,756	148,333
Montana	8,557	6,163	14,720
Idaho	17,092	5,512	22,604
Wyoming	6,267	495	6,762
Colorado	36,766	4,443	41,209
New Mexico	7,320	3,500	10,820
Arizona	19,999	18,829	38,828
Utah	9,208	1,902	11,110
Nevada	1,706	114	1,820
Washington	18,525	11,161	29,686
Oregon	13,810	5,223	19,033
California	115,757	128,488	244,245
United States	1,674,735	667,644	2,342,379
United States, Jan.-May ..	7,905,616	4,386,372	12,291,988
Same period, year ago	8,005,120	4,042,165	12,047,285

¹ All figures represent sales of farm products, plus Commodity Credit loans reported during the month minus Commodity Credit loans repaid during the month. For comparisons of cash receipts with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.

Cash Receipts From Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketings, United States ¹

	May 1962	June 1962
	<i>Mil. dol.</i>	<i>Mil. dol.</i>
CASH RECEIPTS		
Total marketings and CCC loans ²	2,342	2,500
Livestock and products	1,675	1,500
Meat animals	949	
Dairy products	441	
Poultry and eggs	251	
Other	34	
Crops	667	1,000
Food grains	53	
Feed crops	152	
Cotton (lint and seed)	26	
Oil-bearing crops	44	
Tobacco	14	
Vegetables	162	
Fruits and tree nuts	111	
Other	105	
Government payments	23	
Grand total	2,365	
VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS:	1947-49 = 100	
All commodities	110	118
Livestock and products	150	135
Crops	55	95

¹For comparison with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation. ²Receipts from loans represent value of loans minus value of redemptions during the month.

Number of Farm Workers Under Last June

The number of persons working on farms the survey week of June 17-23 totaled 8,043,000. This represented an increase of 7 percent over a month earlier, not far from the usual seasonal upswing, but was 3 percent under the comparable week in late June of last year.

Stocks On Farms

FEED GRAINS STOCKS: Total tonnage of feed grains stored on farms on July 1 was 3 percent above the record high of a year earlier. A 7 percent increase in farm stocks of corn more than offset smaller holdings of the other feed grains.

CORN STOCKS: Stocks of corn on farms July 1 reached a record high of 1,551 million bushels, 7 percent greater than the previous record of 1,447 million bushels on July 1, 1961. More than one-half of these farm stocks were under CCC loan, including resale and purchase agreement. The 1951-60 average farm stocks on July 1 is 988 million bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS: Stocks of old-crop wheat on farms July 1 totaled 102 million bushels, 26 percent less than a year earlier, but 36 percent more than the 1951-60 average. The July 1 carryover amounted to slightly more than 8 percent of the 1961 production. Wheat stocks in 5 States, North Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, and Colorado, represented almost three-fourths of the Nation's total.

OAT STOCKS: An estimated 229 million bushels of old-crop oats were stored on farms July 1, 1962, compared with 268 million bushels on farms a year earlier and the July 1 average of 240 million bushels.

SOYBEAN STOCKS: Stocks of soybeans on farms July 1 are estimated at 41.5 million bushels, more than three and one-half times the comparatively low level of 11.4 million bushels stored at this time in 1961. This year's farm stocks are second only to the 41-3/4 million bushels stored on July 1, 1960, and 88 percent above average.

BARLEY STOCKS: Stocks of old barley on farms July 1 totaled 47.6 million bushels--the smallest for the date since 1957. This was one-fourth less than farm holdings of a year earlier, but 6 percent more than average.

RYE STOCKS: Rye stored on farms on July 1 amounted to 1,869,000 bushels compared to 4,578,000 bushels on farms a year earlier and average July 1 stocks of 2,557,000 bushels.

FLAXSEED STOCKS: Flaxseed stored on farms July 1 totaled 1,289,000 bushels. This quantity is 9 percent below the amount on farms a year earlier and 48 percent below the 10-year average for July.

SORGHUM GRAIN STOCKS: Sorghum grain stored on farms July 1 totaled 39.6 million bushels, 27 percent below the record high for this date established last year.



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